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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN FATHER THOMAS DOMINIC
DONOHUE.

FATHER THOMAS O'DONNELL OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION OF LIBERIA
INFORMED THE EMBASSY THIS MORNING THAT CATHOLIC PRIEST THOMAS
DONOHUE DROWNED ON 7 OCTOBER AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 NOON IN
BARCLAYVILLE NEAR GRAND CESS IN MARYLAND COUNTY LIBERIA.
FATHER O'DONNELL REPORTED THAT FATHER DONOHUE WAS ATTEMPTING
TO TAKE AILING LIBERIAN WOMAN TO DOCTOR. WHILE TRYING TO
CUT PASSAGE THROUGH OVERHANGING BRANCHES, MOTOR LAUNCH
IN WHICH THEY WERE TRAVELING CAPSIZED. TWO YOUNG BOYS ALSO
IN THE MOTOR LAUNCH MANAGED TO SWIM TO SHORE BUT FATHER
DONOHUE AND THE LIBERIAN WOMAN DROWNED. BODIES HAVE NOT
BEEN RECOVERED. IF THE BODIES ARE RECOVERED, INTERNMENT
WILL HAVE TO BE IMMEDIATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL LAW.

PLEASE CONTACT FATHER SUPERIOR, HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL, LAGOS
AND REQUEST THAT ABOVE INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO FATHER
DONOHUE'S BROTHER FATHER BRENDAN DONOHUE. IF FATHER DONOHUE
INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO LIBERIA PLEASE PROVIDE TRAVEL PLANS AND
REMIND FATHER DONOHUE OF LIBERIA VISA REQUIREMENT.
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